



A Return to In-Person Learning



Lexington City Schools
October 15, 2020



At their October 14th meeting, the Lexington City School Board approved the following plan for a return to in-person learning:

- Students will return to in-person learning 4 days/week, Monday-Thursday, with 1 day of at-home learning on Fridays.
 - Kindergarten and first grade students return the week of October 26th.
 - Second, third, and sixth grade students return the week of November 9th.
 - Fourth, fifth, seventh, and eighth grade students return the week of November 16th.
- This plan and timeline is contingent upon no significant changes to community case levels/community outbreaks impacting our school community.

A Return to In-Person Learning:

- A staggered transition to in-person learning will allow our staff to help our students learn the new procedures and safety protocol in our schools and to work out details as small groups of students gradually return.
- Families may still elect for their student(s) to remain 100% virtual.
- Families who choose virtual learning for the second quarter will remain virtual through the end of the second quarter, January 28th, 2021.
- Additional updates and plans will be communicated as they are available.

What Will School Look Like?



- Students will stay with their homeroom groups (K-5) or cohorts (6-8) throughout the school day.
- At the middle school, teachers will move from class to class. There will be very few class exchanges and lockers will not be used.
- Fifth grade teachers will move from room to room for their classes.
- Student desks will be arranged 6-feet apart in the classroom.
- Students will eat lunch with their class or cohort either outside or in the classroom.

What Will School Look Like?



- Masks will be worn throughout the school day.
- Students will maintain 6-feet social distancing to the greatest extent possible when moving throughout the school and when entering or exiting the school.
- Students will enter and exit the building through assigned doors to help with social distancing.
- Handwashing and use of hand sanitizer will be encouraged and expected.

K-5 Key Details:

- Class sizes for in-person are projected to be 13-18 students per class with six-feet social distancing.
- Specialists will decide how best to meet with students. Classes may meet outside, in classrooms, in the specials setting, or virtually.
- The school day will likely be 8:15AM-2:45PM with a staggered dismissal for 3rd-5th grades starting at 2:35PM. Students may arrive at school starting at 8:00AM each day.



K-5 Key Details:

- Virtual students will have live instruction with a teacher M-Th. A new schedule will be sent home for virtual students.
- “On Your Own” learning will be expected throughout the week.
- Specialists will schedule weekly class times for virtual learners.
- Some students may be assigned to a new teacher as a virtual teacher will be assigned at each grade.



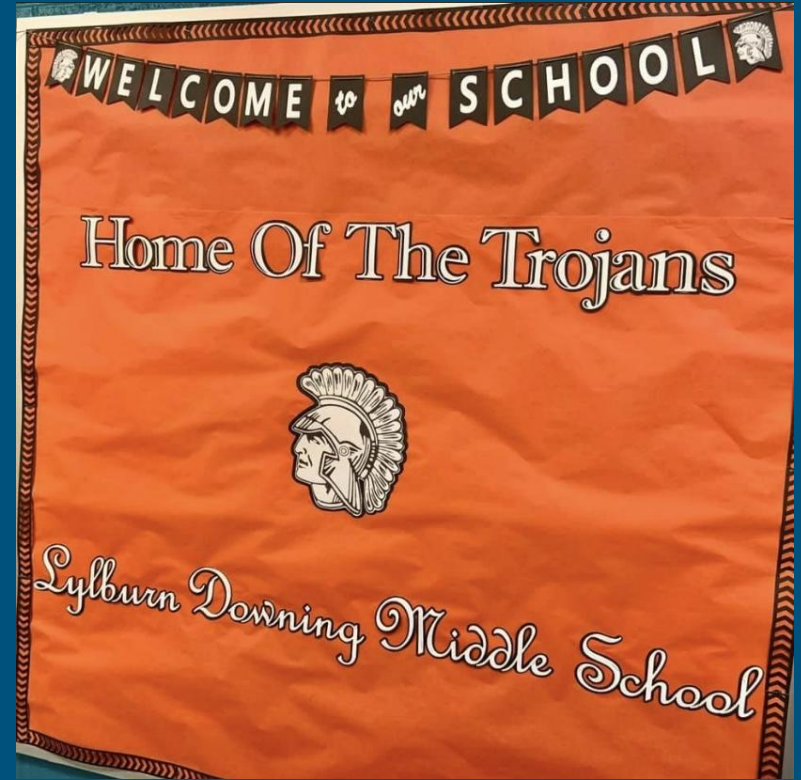
6-8 Key Details:

- The school day will be 8:30AM-3:00PM with some students completing their day at 2:00PM based on certain class schedules.
- Students may arrive at school starting at 8:15AM each day.
- Student schedules may be modified to allow for virtual and in-person classes during the day.
- Students will have a 45-minute lunch/outside break and a daily self-selected reading time.
- Teachers will travel to student “pods” for classes to limit groups of students moving throughout the building during the day.



6-8 Key Details:

- All teachers are encouraged to take students outside for learning when possible and have been trained in the use of “brain breaks” and movement.
- P.E. activity logs for 150m/week will continue to be required for all students.
- 100% virtual learners will have “live” instructional time with most teachers daily as well as some asynchronous learning and at-home learning tasks to complete on their own.



School Nutrition:

- Breakfast and lunch will be FREE for all students through the end of the school year. Please participate in this program.
- Breakfast will be offered as “grab and go” upon arrival.
- Lunches will be delivered to the classroom each day.
- Classes may eat outside or in classrooms.
- Meals will continue to be available for virtual students. Information with details about this program will be announced soon.

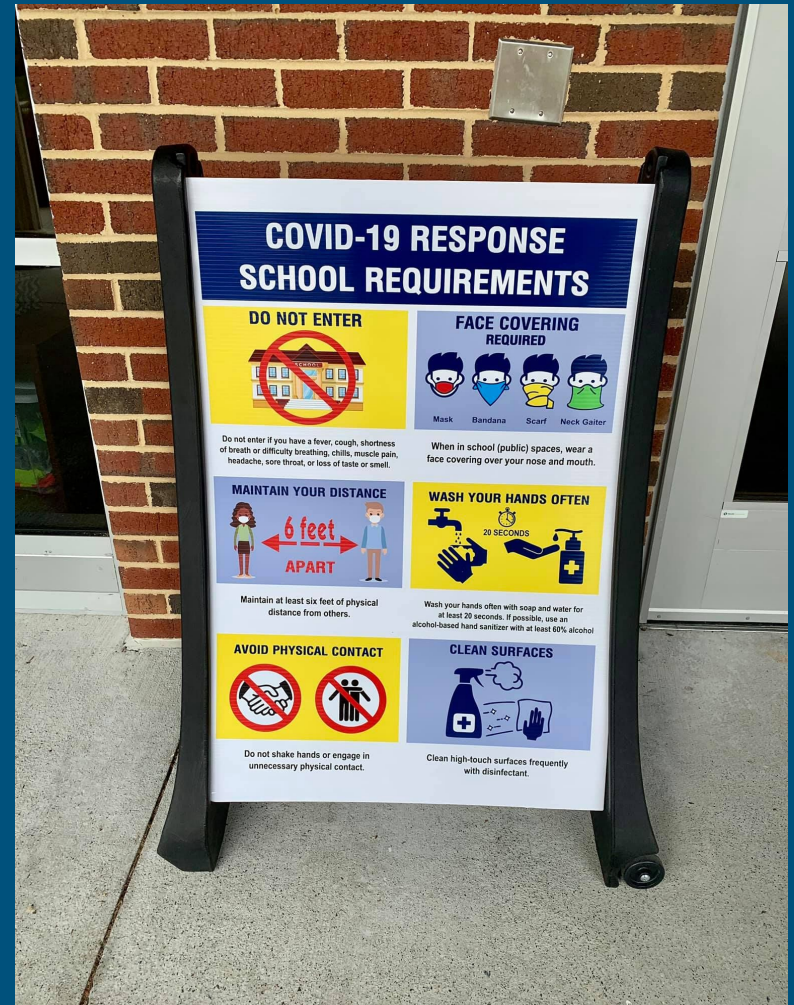


Transportation:

- We encourage families to walk to school or drive their child to school each day.
- Bus riders must wear a mask and will be seated one per seat in an assigned seat.
- Bus transportation will be provided on an as-needed basis. We will use the list of requests from the beginning of the year.
- Please contact Jason White at jwhite@lexedu.org if you need assistance.



Key Mitigation Strategies



Health Screenings:

- Families will be expected to pre-screen their student(s) for symptoms or fever before arriving at school. If your student exhibits any of the symptoms on the screening list, your student should stay home.



Masking:

- All students and staff will be expected to wear a cloth face mask at all times while at school. Mask “breaks” will be offered when eating or drinking, when socially-distanced outside, and during designated “no-talk” instructional times.
**exceptions must be medically documented*



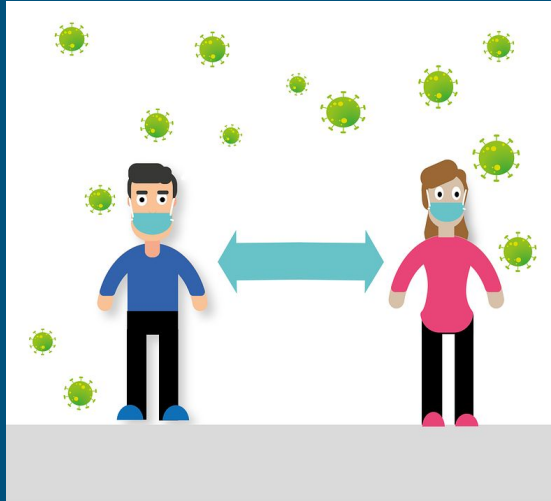
Hand washing and respiratory etiquette:

- Students and staff will be expected to wash their hands and use hand sanitizer frequently. Hand sanitizer stations have been installed in both schools. It is important to cover your cough or sneeze and wash your hands.



Social Distancing:

- Students and staff will be expected to remain 6-feet apart whenever possible inside and outside of school.



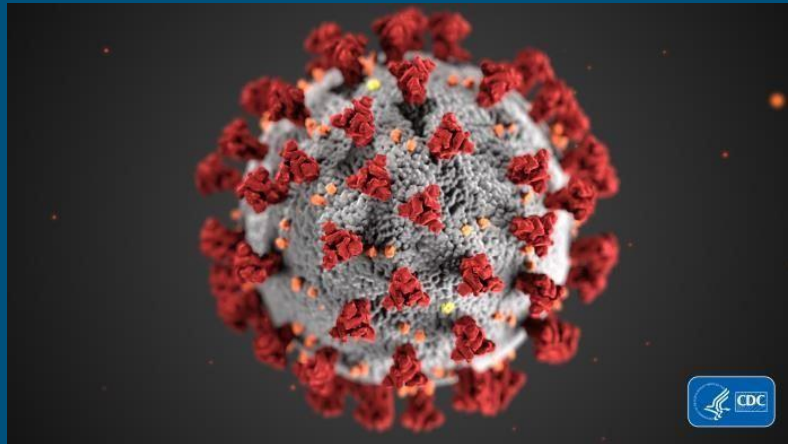
Cleaning and Disinfecting:

- Our school staff will be working hard to keep all areas of the school clean and disinfected throughout the school day. We will use special equipment to help disinfect larger areas and bathrooms.



Contact Tracing:

- Our school staff will work closely with the local health department and VDH to conduct contact tracing in the event of a positive case in our schools. Families will be notified by letter. We ask that families work with us to help prevent the spread of the virus.



Additional Details to Come:

Please be on the outlook for email and/or posts on our school website:

- Schools will email this week to ask families about any changes to your student's plan for in-person/virtual learning for the second nine weeks - **The deadline for any changes is Tuesday, October 20th.**
- Updated division health and safety plan
- Updated division instructional plan
- Information from school nurses regarding health and safety

**Families are encouraged to have alternate plans in place throughout the school year in the event that positive COVID cases result in quarantine, isolation, or potential class or school closures at any time. Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU!

We understand that this has been a difficult time for many families, students, and members of our school community. We appreciate your patience and support as we prepare for a safe return to in-person learning for our students and our teachers and staff.

If you have any questions as plans develop, please contact your child's teacher, principal, school nurse, or division administration.

Please stay well!

